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Agency: 477 - Department of Fish and Wildlife

Administration

Agency administration encompasses a wide variety of activities that promote and support the implementation of all agency function and the overall management of the agency. This activity begins with the executive management for the agency that provides the leadership, direction, and policy recommendations used in carrying out its statutory obligations, commission policies, and agency goals. The functions that support executive management include administrative services, financial services, employee services, regional and field office operations, and external communications. Administrative services include program and office support, internal customer service, program budgeting, contracting and inventory, records management, policy development, legislative activities, print shop and mailroom, agency newsletter production, and internal communications. Other functions include the development and implementation of automated systems, specialized agency operations, and policies for internal and external customers. Financial Services provides agency-wide and program specific functions that include budget, contracts, fiscal oversight, revenue, revolving funds, indirect costs, and comptroller responsibility. Employee Services encourages professional development for employees through training, continuing education, professional accreditation, workshops, and/or conferences. Additional functions from the Personnel Office and Safety Office help provide a rewarding and safe work environment. Regional and field office operations consist of activities relating to the operation and management of agency-operated administrative offices, wildlife areas, and hatcheries.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Preserve and restore natural systems and the environment

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$30,922,000	\$7,968,000	\$22,954,000	233.0	\$30,024,000	\$6,657,000	\$23,367,000	276.0

Expected Results:

Number of contracts successfully completed through the Contract and Project System. Number of time loss injuries per 100 hours worked.

Output Measure: The number of recordable safety incidents per 100 Department of Fish and Wildlife employees.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	0	32	32	31.9

Conduct Fish and Wildlife Laboratory Activities

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) fish and wildlife laboratory provides biological, pathological, scale, and genetic analysis in support of all agency programs. Laboratory studies provide information to the agency to support fish and wildlife species management and policy.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Obtain data on which to make better decisions

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$2,485,000	\$796,000	\$1,689,000	35.3	\$2,508,000	\$803,000	\$1,705,000	37.0

Expected Results:

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Percent of cultured fish stocks monitored and screened for pathogens.

Outcome Measure: The percentage of hatchery fish stocks monitored for pathogens.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0%	0%	100%	95%	95%	95%

Conduct Fish and Wildlife Production Activities

Commercial and recreational fishing and hunting opportunities are supplemented through state-run fish hatcheries and game farms. Each year, the department releases roughly 171 million salmonids (chinook, coho, steelhead, chum) and 25 million gamefish (i.e., trout, bass, crappie, etc.) from state-operated hatcheries, and rears 40,000 pheasants for release into rivers, lakes, and/or uplands. Additional functions related to this activity include winter feeding of deer and elk, providing barley for birds, and supplementing feed for other hunted species. Fish and wildlife production activities contribute to increased recreational and commercial hunting and fishing opportunities with the twin goals of enhancing local economies and conserving fish and wildlife species.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Sustainable use of public natural resources

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$21,471,000	\$4,061,000	\$17,410,000	175.2	\$21,683,000	\$3,868,000	\$17,815,000	171.9

Expected Results:

Number of trout planted annually. Number of pheasants released annually.

Output Measure: Consistent with maximizing fishing opportunities while meeting wild stock restoration goals, the number of salmon smolt (in millions) released annually.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	166.9	170.4	170.4	170.4

Conduct Habitat Management and Enhancement

The agency regularly engages in activities that protect, enhance, and restore fish and wildlife populations and their habitats within local communities and on agency-owned land. Programs include duck stamp projects, planting/reseeding habitat, and fish barrier removal actions.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Preserve and restore natural systems and the environment

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$4,364,000	\$726,000	\$3,638,000	38.2	\$4,833,000	\$592,000	\$4,241,000	34.0

Expected Results:

Number of barrier removal projects and miles of streams opened. Number of salmon carcasses distributed.

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Output Measure: The number of new miles of streams opened annually by removing man-made barriers statewide.
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FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	345	350	350	350

Conduct Research of Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat

The agency conducts fish and wildlife research activities to expand scientific understanding of the ecological needs of fish and wildlife species and their associated habitat. Research activities also focus on the development of new methods and studies that determine population parameters of species and the ecological relationship with their habitat.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Obtain data on which to make better decisions

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$7,758,000	\$883,000	\$6,875,000	72.5	\$7,858,000	\$943,000	\$6,915,000	63.0

Expected Results:

Number of major research projects conducted by the agency.

Conduct Surveys of Fish, Wildlife and Habitat

The agency collects information on fish and wildlife species and their habitat to determine the relative health of a population and the environment. Surveys are performed to assemble data that provides a species inventory and monitors the status and/or trends of specific species and their habitat.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Obtain data on which to make better decisions

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$12,714,000	\$2,805,000	\$9,909,000	124.6	\$14,027,000	\$2,900,000	\$11,127,000	120.0

Expected Results:

Percent of priority fish populations. Percent of elk and deer populations that meet or exceed levels needed to meet biological recreational needs.

Outcome Measure: The percentage of listed wild salmon and steelhead stocks showing increased returns of spawning fish in Washington rivers. (Baseline: Average of these stocks 1994 to 1998.)

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0%	0%	81%	83%	90%	95%

Coordinate Tribal Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat Policy and Management

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Fish and wildlife resources are jointly managed by the department and the treaty tribes within the state. Joint responsibility for the management of fish and wildlife species and their habitat is needed to ensure that agreed upon harvest management and/or species conservation goals are met. Additional functions within this activity include departmental resources dedicated to providing technical, policy, and programmatic support to tribal governments that ensure the implementation of federal court orders relative to treaty fishing and hunting rights. In many cases, the tribes and the department implement joint fishing and hunting agreements and joint data collection efforts. An example of data sharing with the tribes is through the Salmon, Steelhead Habitat Inventory Assessment Program (SSHIAP). Watershed level information is collected and made available through SSHIAP.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Obtain data on which to make better decisions

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$694,000	\$500,000	\$194,000	16.5	\$698,000	\$517,000	\$181,000	14.0

Expected Results:

Number of state/tribal resource or species harvest agreements in effect.

Develop and Maintain Agency Information Systems

Sound management of fish and wildlife species and their habitat depends upon access to accurate and credible information by agency executives, staff, and commissioners. This activity maintains and develops information systems that support fiscal, accounting, and licensing systems; corporate information systems infrastructure; and hardware and software needs.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Preserve and restore natural systems and the environment

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$4,737,000	\$1,981,000	\$2,756,000	64.2	\$4,876,000	\$2,026,000	\$2,850,000	64.0

Expected Results:

Percentage of agency databases reviewed and updated annually.

Develop Fish and Wildlife Non-Hunting and Fishing Rules

The state Fish and Wildlife Commission provides oversight of the agency and is the rule-making and policy-setting authority for the agency. The commission establishes rules and/or policies that guide agency activities related to the protection and conservation of all fish and wildlife species (and associated habitat) in the state, including rules pertaining to commercial and recreational licensing, grazing, use of WDFW-owned or managed lands, and state listing of endangered and threatened fish and wildlife.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Preserve and restore natural systems and the environment

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$19,000	\$497,000	\$(478,000)	13.9	\$22,000	\$498,000	\$(476,000)	13.0

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Expected Results:

Rewrite of hydraulic project approval (HPA) rules by June 30, 2005. Number of species status reviewed for consideration by the commission.

Develop Habitat Conservation and Species Management and Recovery Plans

Maintaining healthy and diverse habitat and populations of all fish and wildlife species is a priority of the department. To better protect and enhance those species whose populations are not considered healthy, the department implements a multi-species, habitat-based approach to developing habitat conservation, species management, and recovery plans.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Preserve and restore natural systems and the environment

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$1,574,000	\$452,000	\$1,122,000	22.5	\$1,868,000	\$488,000	\$1,380,000	22.0

Expected Results:

Percent of state listed threatened and endangered wildlife species with recovery plans. Number of state listed threatened and endangered wildlife species with recovery plans.

Outcome Measure: The number of wildlife species recovery and management plans completed.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	2	2	3	3

Ensure Compliance of Fish and Wildlife Regulations

Compliance with state fish, wildlife, and habitat rules and regulations requires active agency participation with the recreational and commercial fishing, hunting, and wildlife viewing public. The department's enforcement efforts consist of public education of the laws, rules, and regulations, as well as active enforcement, investigation, and prosecution of fishing, hunting, and hydraulic permit application violations. To increase compliance, the agency's management and enforcement programs regularly review and improve regulations to ensure they are understandable and achieve the desired protection and/or harvest goals.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Preserve and restore natural systems and the environment

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$9,244,000	\$6,597,000	\$2,647,000	144.9	\$9,715,000	\$6,478,000	\$3,237,000	168.0

Expected Results:

Percent of fishers checked complying with agency fishing requirements. Percent of hunters checked complying with agency hunting requirements.

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Ensure Department Compliance with ESA and Other Government Regulations

The long-term health and recovery of state fish and wildlife populations is paramount to the agency's mission. Therefore, departmental operations ensure that all agency activities are in compliance with local, state, and/or federal regulations that protect and recover fish, wildlife, and their habitats. Specific agency resources are focused on complying with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), as well as the issuance of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, ESA Take Permits, and/or the implementation of Hatchery Genetic Management Plans.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Safeguards and standards to protect natural resources

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$1,201,000	\$550,000	\$651,000	16.7	\$1,149,000	\$563,000	\$586,000	11.0

Expected Results:

Percent of non-Indian salmon and steelhead fisheries affecting listed fish that are conducted under a federal ESA authorization.
Percent of Hatchery Genetic Management Plans completed and submitted to National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration fisheries.

Manage Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands for Non-Resource Purposes

To accommodate the diverse needs of the public, WDFW-owned land management actions within this activity are primarily directed at fire and weed control on agency lands. There are also a few recreational activities not related to hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing, such as rock climbing and road rallies.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Preserve and restore natural systems and the environment

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$1,176,000	\$129,000	\$1,047,000	15.3	\$1,300,000	\$144,000	\$1,156,000	20.0

Expected Results:

Control noxious weeds.

Output Measure: Acres (in thousands) of noxious weeds controlled on WDFW owned/managed lands.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	17	17.5	17.5	18

Manage Fish and Wildlife Harvest

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Successful management of fishing and hunting seasons requires significant preparation and collection of data to ensure appropriate harvest of individual species. A primary activity conducted by the agency is the mass marking program that marks fish species so legally harvestable hatchery fish may be distinguished from unharvestable wild or endangered fish in selective fisheries. Other work within this activity includes estimating and monitoring fish and game animal harvest, sampling for age distribution, angler field checks (creel sampling), hunter deer and elk check stations, and harvest data analysis and questionnaires. Catch record cards and harvest reports are two methods of collecting fish and wildlife consumption information.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Sustainable use of public natural resources

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$10,792,000	\$4,063,000	\$6,729,000	102.2	\$10,930,000	\$4,027,000	\$6,903,000	101.6

Expected Results:

Number of commercial catch value and pounds of salmon, marine fish, and shellfish landed annually. Number of selective fisheries implemented. Number of recreational hunting days provided per year.

Manage Fishing and Hunting Seasons

The state Fish and Wildlife Commission provides oversight of the agency and is the rule-making and policy-setting authority for the agency. Specific actions undertaken by the commission and the department within this activity include the development of all policies relating to setting fishing and hunting seasons; the taking of public comment on fishing and hunting issues, rules, and regulations; the establishment of allocations between commercial and recreational users; and the issuance and management of licenses through the WILD system.

Statewide Result Area: Improve cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state

Category: Provide stewardship of cultural and recreational assets

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$2,471,000	\$996,000	\$1,475,000	45.7	\$3,100,000	\$984,000	\$2,116,000	43.2

Expected Results:

Commercial catch value of salmon, marine fish, and shellfish landed annually. Number of days of recreational fishing opportunity provided annually. Number of days of recreational hunting opportunity provided annually.

Manage Landowner Access Agreements

Providing recreational opportunities on agency-owned land and other state-owned lands is a priority for the department in order to maximize the value of department-issued licenses and permits. To further increase the value of such licenses and permits, the department often enters into agreements with private landowners to provide other access points for hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing opportunities. Specific activities relate to developing and maintaining landowner access agreements, including feel free to hunt, hunt by permission, and road management arrangements.

Statewide Result Area: Improve cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state

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Category: Ensure access to cultural and recreational opportunities

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Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$1,028,000	\$8,000	\$1,020,000	2.0	\$1,018,000	\$8,000	\$1,010,000	2.0

Expected Results:

Number of current cooperative landowner agreements.

Output Measure: The number of acres (in thousands) made available for hunting by WDFW agreements with private landowners. (Based on Decision Package request WL - Hunter Access)

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	2,549	1,780	1,870	1,970

Manage Populations of Species of Concern

Numerous fish and wildlife species within the state are listed as a "threatened" species, "endangered" species, or "species of concern," as their populations are rapidly declining and/or they are in danger of extinction. In order to increase the potential for recovery of these species, the department implements artificial propagation, captive breeding, and/or translocation programs to conserve and protect individual species. Examples of species covered under this activity include pygmy rabbits, big horn sheep, White River spring chinook, and upper Columbia River steelhead.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Preserve and restore natural systems and the environment

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$5,663,000	\$1,043,000	\$4,620,000	39.1	\$5,997,000	\$1,127,000	\$4,870,000	35.0

Expected Results:

Percent of management plans and/or strategies that have been updated and implemented.

Manage Problem Wildlife

State population growth and development in more rural areas have increased interaction between people and specific species defined as problem wildlife. Most problem wildlife interactions consist of damage to agricultural, horticultural, and rangeland crops and negative encounters with bear and cougar. To prevent such damage, the agency implements a fencing program to contain wildlife species on state lands. It also processes, investigates, and if substantiated, pays claims for agricultural crop damage caused by wildlife. Additionally, the agency responds to wildlife nuisance complaints and threats to public safety. If necessary, the department removes the threat through relocation and/or euthanasia.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

Category: Safeguards and standards to protect natural resources

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Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$1,242,000	\$83,000	\$1,159,000	16.6	\$1,338,000	\$86,000	\$1,252,000	13.0

Expected Results:

Number of confirmed cougar and bear complaints. Number of damage claims and costs of damage claims paid.

Outcome Measure: Undesirable contact with dangerous wildlife as measured by the number of verified complaints for bear and cougar per 100,000 citizens.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	9	10	10	10

Manage Recreational Access Sites for Public Use

In order to meet the needs of an increasing population, the department strives to provide access to areas where fish and wildlife can be enjoyed through hunting, fishing, and/or wildlife viewing. The department manages over 600 access sites to provide increased opportunity for the public to interact with fish and wildlife species.

Statewide Result Area: Improve cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state

Category: Ensure access to cultural and recreational opportunities

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$1,117,000	\$138,000	\$979,000	19.4	\$582,000	\$81,000	\$501,000	12.0

Expected Results:

Number of recreational access sites owned or operated for public use.

Manage Watchable Fish and Wildlife Recreation

National surveys published by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimate that over \$980 million is spent within the state on non-consumptive fish and wildlife recreation activities. Non-consumptive activities usually consist of wildlife viewing opportunities, such as bird watching or whale watching, which often take place in rural areas. In an effort to encourage non-consumptive fish and wildlife activity and promote rural economic development, the department implements programs to increase the number of watchable fish and wildlife sites and events throughout the state. Examples include development of fish and wildlife viewing sites and informational material, promotion of fish and wildlife appreciation festivals in local communities, and the backyard wildlife sanctuary program.

Statewide Result Area: Improve cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state

Category: Ensure access to cultural and recreational opportunities

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$309,000	\$78,000	\$231,000	3.8	\$473,000	\$88,000	\$385,000	3.0

Expected Results:

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Output Measure: Increase the number of wildlife viewing sites.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	132	133	133	134

Produce Scientific Reports and Publications

Research and data collected through agency studies are often valuable to professionals and scientists outside the agency. Therefore, the agency regularly participates on technical panels and publishes study results internally and/or externally in scientific journals.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Obtain data on which to make better decisions

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$944,000	\$694,000	\$250,000	26.5	\$904,000	\$708,000	\$196,000	26.0

Expected Results:

Number of agency peer reviewed publications.

Protect Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat

Under the authority of the Legislature, the agency approves or denies hydraulic permit applications designed to protect fish life. Additionally, the agency participates actively in identifying fish protection needs such as placement of screens to protect fish from entering irrigation waterways. Other protection activities include habitat acquisition and securing conservation easements. This category also includes activities related to oil spill response and damage assessment.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Preserve and restore natural systems and the environment

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$4,952,000	\$2,066,000	\$2,886,000	61.5	\$4,465,000	\$1,933,000	\$2,532,000	67.9

Expected Results:

Number of fish screens in irrigation waterways replaced to meet state fish protection standards. New acres of critical habitat protected through conservation easements or land acquisitions.

Protect Human, Fish and Wildlife Health

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Numerous types of fish, shellfish, and wildlife species are consumed by the public. Therefore, the department, in conjunction with the Department of Health, ensures that these species are safe for human consumption through the regular testing of species for adverse human impacts. The most common examples are tests for chronic wasting disease (CWD) in deer and elk or domoic acid (red-tide) levels in shellfish. This activity also involves the development of strategies, education, and outreach programs, and the enforcement and coordination efforts (within the agency and other agencies) designed to protect public health.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the health of Washington citizens

Category: Mitigate environmental hazards

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$336,000	\$155,000	\$181,000	7.5	\$446,000	\$156,000	\$290,000	7.0

Expected Results:

Number of sanitary shellfish patrols per Food and Drug Administration standards. Number of CWD samples tested. Number of deer and elk samples collected and screened for chronic wasting disease.

Output Measure: The number of deer and elk samples collected that are screened for chronic wasting disease.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	672	1,000	1,000	1,000

Provide External Customer Service

External agency communications with the public and the media include activities relating to public information requests, front desk reception, and all agency responses to general law enforcement and public disclosure issues.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Change individual practices and choices

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$2,321,000	\$873,000	\$1,448,000	39.7	\$2,437,000	\$854,000	\$1,583,000	39.0

Expected Results:

Percent of hydraulic project approvals (HPAs) issued within twenty five days.

Provide Internet Access to Agency Information and Data

This activity ensures public access to agency information and data via the Internet. This includes maintenance of the Internet and Intranet websites and other web-based capabilities. Online information is available regarding special hunter permits, news releases, Weekender (short video clips about outdoor activities), SalmonScope (watershed information), and access to customer demographics from the automated licensing system.

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Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$764,000	\$0	\$764,000	11.3	\$715,000	\$0	\$715,000	8.0

Expected Results:

Percentage of key corporate databases updated to web format. Number of visits to the WDFW web site.

Provide Outreach and Education Services

The agency is committed to improving its relationship with the public and to providing educational opportunities that increase understanding of the environment and fish and wildlife species. Therefore, staff represents the department at numerous public events and to many service and professional associations. Current activities focus on angler education, youth sports fishing, and the Go Play Outside initiative. Additional focus is placed on hunter education, environmental education, outreach to diverse groups, volunteer projects, fish cooperative projects, and citizen science activities such as Nature Serve, Project Cougars and Teaching (CAT), and Project Mule Deer.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality of Washington's natural resources

Category: Change individual practices and choices

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$4,773,000	\$202,000	\$4,571,000	30.0	\$4,689,000	\$158,000	\$4,531,000	27.0

Expected Results:

Number of fairs/events participated in by WDFW. Number of persons completing hunter education. Number of people participating in agency sponsored project Wild education.

Output Measure: The number of youths (in thousands) participating in youth sport fishing events.

FY02 Actual	FY03 Actual	FY04 Actual	FY05 Estimate	FY06 Proposed	FY07 Proposed
0	0	13.2	13.4	13.5	13.6

Provide Technical and Policy Assistance

Management of fish, wildlife, and their habitat requires significant coordination between stakeholders to ensure species protection and sufficient recreational and commercial opportunities. The department regularly provides its technical expertise and policy direction both internally and externally to stakeholders, including private citizens, local, state, and federal governmental agencies, and other countries. Specific activities performed by the department include policy analysis, development, and negotiation to improve fish, wildlife, and habitat protection; participation and leadership in multi-party negotiations; review of state and federal laws; and technical and policy review and/or comment on other agency activities, permits, and documents. Issue areas include the Growth Management Act, Forest Protection Act, SEPA review of other agency activities, watershed steward teams, cooperative compliance, participation in the Transportation Permit Effectiveness and Accountability Committee, salmon recovery, and lead entities.

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Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$10,195,000	\$5,587,000	\$4,608,000	164.4	\$10,398,000	\$6,385,000	\$4,013,000	135.5

Expected Results:

Number of hydropower projects reviewed for fish and wildlife protection and mitigation. Percent of technical assistance requests from Watershed Stewards Lead Entities, Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEs), and project sponsors that were met for salmon recovery projects to provide agency perspective and expertise.

Compensation Cost Adjustment

This item reflects proposed compensation and benefit cost adjustments that were not allocated to individual agency activities. The agency will assign these costs to the proper activities after the budget is enacted.

Statewide Result Area: Improve the ability of State Government to achieve its results efficiently and effectively

Category: Human resources support for government agencies

FY 2006				FY 2007			
Total	GFS	Other	FTEs	Total	GFS	Other	FTEs
\$6,298,000	\$2,517,000	\$3,781,000	0.0	\$9,554,000	\$3,789,000	\$5,765,000	0.0